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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LALLY ET AL.

Examiner

Carol S Tsai

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 August 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description:

Reference No. "900" at page 12, line 9.

Reference No. "902" at page 12, line 12.

The informal drawings, such as Figs. 8A-9O, are not of sufficient quality to permit examination. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign(s) not mentioned in the description:

Reference No. "112" in Fig. 5.

A proposed drawing correction, corrected drawings, or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 4, it is not understandable what is meant by “user the graphical user interface”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 5,953,686 to Hale et al. in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,301,605 B1 to Napolitano et al.

With respect to claims 1 and 6, Hale et al. disclose a method for measuring system performance in a mass storage system, the storage system having a plurality of disk drive storage elements controlled by a disk drive controller, the controller receiving commands and data from and returning at least data to a plurality of host computers, the method comprising the steps of executing at at least one host computer a test request identified by the test sequence input, by sending commands to the mass storage system (see Abstract, lines 13-17; col. 1, lines 65 to col. 2, line 3; col. 3, lines 37-59; col. 5, lines 26-44; and col. 6, lines 55-57), accumulating, at least the executing host computer, data regarding performance of the mass storage system, in response to the requests sent by the host computer, and processing the accumulated data regarding the performance of the mass storage system in response at least to one host-generated command (see Abstract, lines 17-27; col. Col. 2, lines 3-8; col. 3, line 60 to col. 4, line 43; and col. 6, lines 61-67).

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Hale et al. do not disclose enabling a graphical user interface for generating an input parameter containing sequence input to commands for operating the system for measuring system performance and generating from the input parameter sequence a test sequence a test sequence input identifying commands to be send to the storage system.

Napolitano et al. teach enabling a graphical user interface for generating an input parameter containing sequence input to commands for operating the system for measuring system performance and generating from the input parameter sequence a test sequence a test sequence input identifying commands to be send to the storage system (see col. 14, line 49 to col. 15, line67).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Hale et al.'s method to include enabling a graphical user interface for generating an input parameter containing sequence input to commands for operating the system for measuring system performance and generating from the input parameter sequence a test sequence a test sequence input identifying commands to be send to the storage system, as taught by Napolitano et al., in order that user can measure the performance of mass storage system through a graphical user interface (GUI).

As to claims 2 and 3, Hale et al. do not disclose generating configuration data at the graphical user interface.

Napolitano et al. teach generating configuration data at the graphical user interface (see col. 14, line 49 to col. 15, line 37).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Hale et al.'s method to include generating configuration data at

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the graphical user interface, as taught by Napolitano et al., in order that user can alter the underlying storage configuration form, e.g., a signal disk volume to a dual mirror set (see Napolitano et al. col. 15, lines 27-29).

As to claim 4, Hale et al. in combination with Napolitano et al. do not disclose selecting, user the graphical user interface, from various test types for the input sequence of commands, in point and click fashion.

The Examiner takes Official Notice that selecting, user the graphical user interface, from various test types for the input sequence of commands, in point and click fashion, is well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Hale et al. in combination with Napolitano et al.'s method to include selecting, user the graphical user interface, from various test types for the input sequence of commands, in point and click fashion, because pointing device, such as a computer mouse, a track ball, a stylus, or a tablet, that can be used to manipulate a pointer on a screen of a general-purpose computer in order to help user to be productive and get any information he needs on specific object or field or subject.

As to claim 5, Hale et al. also disclose defining a system configuration, test periods, and sequence of test repeats (see col. 4, lines 24-34 and col. 5, line 45 to col. 6, line 40).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Powers et al. disclose a reconfiguration system, and associated methods, for remotely reconfiguring a client's data storage system.

Jaffe discloses a method, apparatus and system for managing generic objects and storage device objects over a network.

Altschuler et al. disclose methods and apparatus for analyzing tasks performed by computer users by gathering usage data, converting logged usage data into a uniform format, determining or defining task boundaries, and determining a task analysis model by "clustering" similar tasks together.

Blumenau et al. disclose a data storage subsystem providing data storage to host processors, a process of configuration defining a subset of the data storage that each host may access.

Velez-McCaskey et al. disclose a universal storage management system which facilitates storage of data from a client computer and computer network.

Kayes et al. disclose a system, method and computer program product which determines the relative performance of a local cache and renders the resultant performance increase (or in certain circumstances, the decrease) in cache performance of a stand-alone computer or networked "client" perceptible to the user in an especially intuitive manner.

Cahill et al. disclose a method and apparatus for storing and retrieving images of documents, e.g. checks.

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Contact Information

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carol S. Tsai whose telephone number is (703) 305-0851. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc S. Hoff can be reached on (703) 308-1677. The fax number for TC 2800 is (703) 308-7382. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 2800 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

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